

We Are



Your Place to Belong



Sonny's

Sayings

For the last several years, many of you know that we have taken an annual mission trip to Open House Ministries in Home-

stead, to provide a VBS to the children that are a part of that ministry. Words cannot describe the impact these trips has had on our people, as well as on the children that are there. But this year a different opportunity was presented to us that we felt compelled to explore.

Many of you remember the youth of First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly who visited us last June and sang in our worship service. They spent a week here helping in some local ministries, connecting with our youth, and helping us to clean up around our grounds. About 3 weeks after their trip, their sanctuary caught on fire, and they were displaced. Well, as the staff began thinking through the trips and opportunities that we wanted to explore this summer, an idea began to develop of doing something reciprocal with that church in the form of a mission trip. They blessed us; we wanted to bless them. While we discussed these thoughts, we also decided that we wanted to really pay attention to being more intentional in our mission and service opportunities around the community. We wanted to be "Central on Mission," not just in faraway places, but also here in the community.

To that end, a plan developed which the deacons and the mission team have adopted. This plan calls for the formation of several crews to be a part of a mission trip to Mt. Holly this year, including older children, youth, and adults of all ages, and it will replace the youth and children's away camps. We will have a hammer-and-nail crew, a yard crew, a cleaning crew, and a nursing home crew. We are aiming for each of these groups to consist of people from different generations, both connected to our church, and from the community. Our goal is to have some practice and training days around the church and at church member's homes to build teamwork and effectiveness this spring, so that we can bring these crews up to Mt. Holly this summer for a mission trip. And then beyond that goal, we are hoping to continue with these crews to do work around the community, so we can literally be the "hands and feet" of Christ in the Daytona Beach area.

While we are there in Mt. Holly, we will build in time for fellowship, devotionals, and worship, so that we can form inter-generational bonds, be reminded of the reason we serve, and grow deeper in our faith while we are on mission. If being on

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any of these crews inspires you, we would love to have you be a part. Or if you would like to support this trip financially, that would also be appreciated. But mostly, committing this opportunity to prayer would mean a lot to those who are planning to participate. I am excited about this summer at Central, and look forward to what God has in store for us.

February 5 is Boy Scout Sunday



On February 5 the boys and families in Troop 65 are hosting their 3rd annual Pancake Breakfast in Adams Hall. Funds raised will help the boys attend summer camp, participate in a special overnight visit to Alabama in May, attend and participate in Camp-o-Rees in the Spring and Fall. Tickets for the breakfast are \$6.

Troop 65 was started in 1947 and is celebrating 70 years guiding boys ages 12 - 18 in positive directions. Currently the troop has 12 young men participating in camping, community services and learning the skills needed to have a bright future.

Last year the troop participated in almost 400 hours of service in the community. Service projects included Scouting for Food, helping with the Tomoka Marathon, participating in family days at the Flea Market, clean-up projects at Central Baptist Church, Trunk 'r Treat and helping to park patrons at the Bel Canto Concerts.

Troop 65 is thankful for our Chartered Organization, Central Baptist Church and looks forward to many more opportunities to grow together in our community.

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Stewardship Notes

“What’s in your wallet?” asks the credit card commercial. It is also a question that reflects a gospel concern. In Matthew 6: 21, Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Stewardship is concerned with promoting worship-centered giving.

We give because we honor God as God. Giving is an expression of our devotion to God. Giving is not a tax levied on believers, nor is giving a maintenance fee assessed to sustain an institution. As we make our gifts to God through the church, we engage in an act of worship. What is in your wallet? A means of worship, an expression of the value we place upon the things of God. Give joyfully.

A New Roof at Central

Roofers began work on January 17 and completed it by Friday. There was a huge crew of workers to complete the work. Thank you everyone for the gifts that made this work possible.



Adams Hall Floor Clean up

With help from members of the Youth Group, Sonny, Matt and Kenny Clontz, Steve Lauxman was able to complete the huge job of cleaning and waxing the floor in Adams Hall. We are so grateful to everyone who helped with this project.



Our Pool Table Moved & Usable



For several years our beautiful regulation pool table has been covered and stored in the children’s Sunday School room, awaiting enough helping hands to move it to the Youth room.

On Saturday, January 21 following Deacons’ training, lots of folks helped move the table to its new location, giving lots more space to the Children’s Sunday School room and providing a super experience to learn and play pool to Central’s youth. Thank you helpers for this wonderful move.

You Can Donate Now -

Use this QR code to connect to your online bank. Your generosity means that Central can more easily shine a light for Christ in our neighborhood and around the world. You can go online to www.centralbc.org to donate. And you can Log onto Smile.Amazon.com when shopping on Amazon. Use Central as your charity. Also, eat Sunday lunch at **Texas Roadhouse** and give this week’s Worship Bulletin to the waitress. Central receives 10% of your bill!



Praising God!

2017 Year-to-Date (1/22/17)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 147
 New Members: 0
 Total Receipts: \$23,359.47
 Total Spending: \$33,277.87

Special Gifts to Central This Month:

In Loving Memory of:

Dian Bennett

From Mr & Mrs. R. L. Bridgers

Jerry & Kermit Coble

From Sharon & J.H. Bevins, III

Bob Miranda

From Randy Miranda

Lorene Bullard, Ned Browder & Betty Russell

From Bob & Mary Ann Trumbull

Walter Compton

From Michael & Dana Compton

Ross

For Youth Summer Program

From Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For Children & Mission Team

Summer Program

From Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

In Honor of:

Tommie Lou Hitson’s Birthday

From Bob & Mary Anne Trumbull

Ruth Esther Compton

From Michael & Dana Compton

Steve Lauxman & Gwen Bills

From Edward & Martha Meadows

Phyllis Davis & Mary Sheffield

For Choir

From Edward & Martha Meadows

Ruth Esther Compton, Chip Gallman,

Tommie Lou Hitson, Ann Jester - Birthdays

From Edward & Martha Meadows

LINDA'S LOG...

When I think of all the opportunities that lie before us as a church for 2017 I am both humbled and excited. Humbled because we know that none of our work can be accomplished without the action of the Holy Spirit among us and excited because WE get a chance to take action for Christ. We can choose to feel inadequate for these tasks or we can act...doing whatever needs doing. When I was in high school I learned a little poem that has been meaningful to me over time... Perhaps you know it, too: *"I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something; what I can do, I ought to do and what I ought to do, but the grace of God I will do."*

Theologian Richard Rohr says that we are "ONED" in the love of Christ. The "I" [in the poem] changes as you and I are ONE in Christ and as we realize that we are ALL brothers and sisters who can take love actions for the ONES around us. At this writing, we have delivered 40 blankets to the Homeless Assistance Center in less than three days...and we're not finished yet. Food donations to their Bridge of Hope food ministry is an ongoing church-wide project, as well as the group of folks from Central who help prepare and serve a hot meal there each 5th Friday. Intermittently we have walk-up requests for assistance which can sometimes be

met in house and sometimes need to be referred. Our First Sunday special benevolence offering taken at the end of worship for local missional needs is joyfully given and well-spent on these needs. Thank you for making it possible for us to help when someone is about to be evicted or in danger of losing their electric power or desperately in need of a warm coat or emergency food for their family or some other urgent financial crisis.

Because we are "oned" in love, these folks in need are a part of us; they are our brothers and sisters and sons and daughters. There will be opportunities this spring to work both here on our church campus and in area homes and yards developing inter-generational service teams that will truly shine the light of Christ. Sonny has described in his article some of our plans related to this. I hope you'll begin now to consider ways you can serve. Because as the song reminds us, "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And they'll know we are Christian by our love."

Loving and caring, Linda



Thanks From

Children's Team, Youth Team, Mission Team!

The first fund-raiser for 2017 Summer Events was Sunday (1/22). Darla Petty, with help from other members of the children's team, youth team and mission team, prepared and served a delicious spaghetti lunch after worship in the church social hall. The kids and others helped, too.



Donations that spent here instead of in a local restaurant totaled \$592. Thanks to the deacons, as well, who added \$85 collected at their Saturday conference to the "pot".

The next funding event will be a **Potato Bar** after worship on **February 19th**. We are so grateful for the generosity and

participation of all who contributed toward extra activities that are funded outside the regular church budget.

The next fund-raiser will be a **Baked Potato Bar** after worship on **Feb. 19th**. Please plan now to enjoy Sunday lunch with your friends at church and donate to the summer activity fund for inter-generational missions.



The Rescuers Sunday School Class

This Sunday morning small group meets during the Bible study hour (9:30) in room 3 of Adams Hall. Most of the participants are mid-career folks who are still in the work force. They evolved from our church-wide study of *The Story* and are continuing to share their lives through conversations around various popular Christian books. New group members are always welcomed. Please call Karen LaMotte, Jennifer Goodwin or Anthony McCulley for more information or just "show up"!

Upcoming Deacon Ordination & Installation



Barbara Frase, Mike O' Sullivan and Priscilla Warner (pictured above) will be ordained and Marty Petty and Jim Shoopman (right), who have previously served, will also be

installed for the 2017-2019 term on Sunday, February 12th in the worship service. This is a very meaningful ceremony where we have the opportunity to bless and encourage our newly elected deacons. You'll want to plan to be present as well as pray for each of them.



February 2017

Regular Thursday
2:30 Grief/Share Begins 1/19

Regular Wednesday
5:45 p.m. Family Dinner, Adams Hall
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shine!
Youth Group, Nursery Provided
6:30 p.m. Lifetree Cafe
7:30 p.m. Choir, Sanctuary

Regular Tuesday Schedule
10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Women's Christian Book Club
Rm. 4, Resumes 1/10
2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge,
Marchman Bldg., Rm. 116
6:00 p.m. Disciple, Rm. 4, Resumes 1/10

Regular Sunday Schedule:
9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp.
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, LifeTree,
Cafe, Pre-School Nursery
10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool
Nursery Provided

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 Boy Scout Sunday 7:30 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Break/fast \$5 Birthdays: Danielle Rutter Joanne Penny</p>	<p>6 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Prayer Time 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. Birthdays: Bonnie Tew</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 10:30 a.m. Communion at Indigo Manor 4:30 p.m. Stewardship Mtg. Birthdays: Leslie Wiggins</p>	<p>2 Birthdays: Penny Redfeam Sheila Watson</p>	<p>3 Birthdays: Abigail Queen Jordyn Queen</p>	<p>4 Birthdays: Mary C. Smith David Suarizfager</p>
<p>12 Deacon Ordination 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at UBIC Birthdays: Austin Galiman Graham Hunter</p>	<p>13 5:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Mtg.</p>	<p>14 Happy Valentines Day Birthdays: Margie Dieck</p>	<p>8 Birthdays: Pope Hamrick Anne Myers Carl Nesbit</p>	<p>9 Birthdays: Pope Hamrick Anne Myers Carl Nesbit</p>	<p>10 8:00 p.m. Youth Grp. Lock-in with Breakfast Saturday</p>	<p>11 Birthdays: Jan Tesser</p>
<p>19 12:00 p.m. Potato Bar Fundraiser for Kids & Youth Summer Events Birthdays: Linda Figott</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>15 Birthdays: Robbie Jones</p>	<p>16 Birthdays: Myra Wooden</p>	<p>17 News Letter Items Due Birthdays: Bill Peebles Patrick Robinson Mary Beth Wilson</p>	<p>18 Birthdays: Bety Day Judy Lamont Lonnita Tripp</p>
<p>26 Birthdays: Pepe Gibson</p>	<p>27 5:00 p.m. Pastor Relations 6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>28 Birthdays: Ned Myers</p>	<p>22 Birthdays: Michael Inglett Will Schap</p>	<p>23 10:00 a.m. CBSers</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Birthdays: Melissa Meadous Ann Smith</p>
<p>26 Birthdays: Pepe Gibson</p>	<p>27 5:00 p.m. Pastor Relations 6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>28 Birthdays: Ned Myers</p>	<p>Family Dinner Menu Dinner Reservations Required Tues. Noon 2/1 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cauliflower 2/8 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans 2/15 Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach 2/22 Chili, Rice 3/1 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes, Peas (All dinners include Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert)</p>	<p>23 10:00 a.m. CBSers</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Birthdays: Melissa Meadous Ann Smith</p>
						<p>Lifetree Cafe Sundays 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Marchman Bldg., Rm. 116 1/29, 2/1 Confronting Evil 2/5, 2/8 Finding Meaning Every Monday 2/12, 2/15 Crop Circles - Not What You Think... 2/19, 2/22 Spiritual but Not Religious 2/26, 3/1 Police Brutality or Necessary Force?</p>

Matt Nelson

I got married on November 19, 2016! It was an amazing time with friends and family, celebrating the love that Alice and I have found in each other by the grace of God. I am so thankful to everyone who came from both sides of our families, for those who helped put the event together, for those who prayed for us from afar, and for those who gave so generously to make our first month of marriage such a marvelous beginning. There is so little about the whole thing that “went wrong” I can hardly believe it! And now we are married!

The best part about married life so far is simply being in the same place. Since I accepted the position here at Central, Alice and I have been in a long distance relationship between Daytona Beach and Baltimore, MD. We are indebted to technology for help-

ing us stay in contact because when we hear the long distance stories from parents and older friends, it just seems like a nightmare. The church has been wonderfully accepting and embracing of Alice. She helps lead the youth Sunday School and led the last Wednesday Night Bible Study of the year. She helps Gwen in the office and helped Linda with the cookie bake. She is such an asset and I am glad the church is already recognizing that.



Matt



Above: Photos from Matt and Alice’s shower at Central as well as photos from their wedding. Special thanks to Melissa Gallman, Barbara Frase, and Darla Petty for planning their shower!

Central's Servants: JIM HITSON Led by the Shepherd

by Joan Singley Schrysen



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.... The night was long and troubling for Jim Hitson. The following morning he faced heart surgery. During the evening long-time friend Alvin Smith visited, looking haggard and exhausted. Still each time Jim awakened during that long night, the 23rd Psalm came to mind and comforted him.

“Prayer,” emphasized Jim, “is particularly meaningful to me. I know that a lot of things in my life, in business and otherwise, I wouldn’t be able to handle without Someone guiding me through them.”

Born in Dublin, GA, Jim and his younger brother were raised in the Daytona area where he worked with his dad in the family Texaco Station on what was then called Volusia Avenue (now International Speedway Boulevard). Jim was in the Army when his dad fell ill and was discharged to carry on the family business.

After selling the service station Jim went to work at Peninsula Abstract and Title Company which later merged with Attorneys’ Title Services out of Orlando. “It was very interesting work because of all the history in this area.” Jim eventually became Regional Manager and retired after thirty years’ service.

Jim joined Central in 1962 at the time of his marriage with Tommie Lou, who is a charter member. Over the years he has actively participated in many capacities – deacon, trustee, pastor search committee member and member of Joyce and Jim Page’s Serendipity Sunday School class. For a long time Jim, along with Les Burdette, handled the affairs of a family whose father was ill and eventually died – typical of the loving care that goes on behind the scenes at Central. These days Jim greets Sunday worshippers in the vestibule as he checks that all the ushers are present.

The best part of all this church activity: “Working with the people and getting to know everyone. I thoroughly enjoy greeting everyone in the back of the church each Sunday.” Surely peace and confidence from the 23rd Psalm plus the vital role of prayer undergird Jim’s joy and delight in working with the many people at Central.

TOMMIE LOU AND JIM HITSON have been married for 54 years and have two children, son Greg and daughter Jennifer Goodwin, and four Grandchildren.

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Deacon Planning Meeting Held Last Month

Central’s body of deacons spent over four hours on Saturday, January 21st, sharing, learning and considering ways to be more “missional”, rather than just a “missionary” church, how to embrace all aspects of church life inter-generationally, rather than being so divided by age groups, and ways to continue developing the arts as ministry. Newly elected deacon chair, Laura Cason and vice-chair Ken Bryant worked closely with our senior pastor to clarify responsibilities and opportunities for deacon service and spiritual leadership. It was a productive day of team-building and growing together in Christ.

Please continue to pray for and support their efforts to lead and serve.

Servant Leadership

Ministers..... All Members
Senior Pastor..... Rev. Sonny Gallman
Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship/Outreach Rev. Linda Pigott
Assoc. Pastor of Worship, Youth & Families Matt Nelson
Choir Director Rev. Lee Gallman
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